
WOMT Summary for 6/24/2008

Current project operations and OMR flows were discussed by WOMT. The controlling standard for project operations through June is the X2 requirement at Collinsville. Given that this standard remains in effect through June 30, project reservoir releases and export pumping are forecast to remain at the current levels experienced in the last several weeks, therefore OMR flow levels are also forecasted to remain at current levels.

The Delta Smelt Working Group recommended the Projects keep the agricultural barriers' flapgates tied open and continue operating to a 7-day running average Old & Middle River flow of more positive than or equal to -2,000 cfs. However, they also recommended changing the OMR target to -1,500 cfs if any of the following occurs: (1) delta smelt densities at the exports are above 40 delta smelt per TAF on two consecutive days, (2) delta smelt densities are above 30 ds/TAF on three days, or (3) daily OMR is more negative than -2,500 cfs on any day.

USFWS concluded that the current operations to meet the D1641 outflow standard through June 30 will be adequately protective of Delta smelt provided if the Grantline Canal Temporary Barrier were to be closed, that the other temporary barriers continue to be tied open.
